

# keighley plastic model club

Date of Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
Present: Chris Ashton – John Bailey – Ian Day – Larisa Day –  
Rob Gray – Sean Hagyard – Martin Johnston –  
Eddie Kruk – John Lawry – Chris Norfolk – Geoff Payne –  
Paul Sykes – Andy Thomson – David Williams  
Apologies: Martin Briggs – John Crangle – George Creek – John Few –  
Keith Hagyard – Trevor Lancaster – Dan Otterburn –  
John Place – John Riley – Roy Sellars – Mike Smith –  
Geoff Sparkes – Robert Stubbs – Irene Thornett

## Meeting Notes

EK: I've suspended the build of the Oregon because I'm waiting for parts from little Cars – although I've paid for them and pestered him a few times I still haven't received them? I've bought the Revell HMS Cambletown but it's wrong for the St Nazaire raid so I've been doing a lot of scratch-building converting it. I have an excellent book on the complete history that shows profiles of all its American and British incarnations. I've been commissioned by the Bomber Command S. I. G. to build the Mohne Dam; it was going to be a complete dam but the scale doesn't permit it so I've built a section. It measures 4 foot in length by 8 inches high and 16 inches deep!

GP: I've finished both the Mig-21's as SMTs (?); the kits are Eduard 1/144<sup>th</sup> and are very good but I still added detail in the cockpit. I've also finished the Impala and the Vickers tank. The Impala is the Italeri kit and involved a lot of scratch building; the cockpit, the canopy and the addition of chaff dispensers. Next up, I've started a 1/48<sup>th</sup> pre-production reconnaissance Mig-21 which was based on the FL airframe – the kit is Italeri best described as 'not bad, but not good'!

RG: I've had a very good month modelling as I've not been at work due to ill health – *every cloud...hey?* The engines on the Catalina are finished and I want to display one with all access doors open and as there are eight doors, each one folding back on itself, that will be quite a task. I'm still on with the Tamiya Mustang using an Eduard detail set in the cockpit and an Aires wheel set. Feedback on the Aires wheel set is not positive though as apparently too much of the wing needs cutting away which results in the wing becoming mis-shaped. Ultimately I'm doing the wheel well detailing myself.

CN: I've finished two aircraft and a Tank, although technically the tank has been built for some time but I stripped it down and rebuilt/repainted it. One of the aircraft is the Airfix Seafire, a superb kit which I can give no greater compliment than if you ever feel like you've lost your mojo then build this as you will get it back instantly. The

other aircraft is an Airacobra; the Halfords varnish was somehow ruined by the wash – they were notoriously dirty but not that much!

MJ: Still trying to finish the ‘Dambusting’ Lancaster but going to the Cosford show gave me a drive to start a couple of Catalinas for the Falkland Islands Aerial Survey that occurred in 1955-56. The aircraft wore civilian markings and were registered in Canada; surprisingly enough, apparently one of the aircraft is still operating in New Zealand!

ID: The Tamiya Thunderjet is finished. Nearing completion this month is an F-86D Sabre Dog, yet another SAC fighter and I’ve started a second Monogram B-36 Peacemaker. As an addendum to April, a two day visit to the Perth show occurred, where the second official SAC Modellers group display took place.

CA: An unbelievably slow month since March, mainly due to a complete lack of energy. The only thing I managed to do, apart from put the aerial wire on the Me109 shown last month, (*I know Andy, it wasn’t really finished!*) was spray the white on the Hs 125 which did turn out rather well – I say that on the general understanding that you all know how notoriously difficult it is to airbrush a good white coat.

PS: Mengs Merkava IIID is now finished and painted and is ready for weathering and markings – *which is usually when you put a model aside for a couple of months?* The Legend’s Puma (brought today) is also ready for weathering – anyone wondering what the blue pads on the back of the vehicle are, they are for putting on your feet (soldiers etc) and walking through minefields – apparently they help spread the load!!!

JL: Since the last meeting I have finished the Tamiya utility car, or Tilly as it was known, the Leopard I, also by Tamiya, and a Sherman M4A1 from Matchbox/Revell. Recently started projects on the workbench are a Tamiya Merkava and a T-55A from CKIO (*I think that’s what he wrote*) which is an awful (*not the word he used*) kit while those close to completion are the CH-47 and the Revell F-14 Tomcat, the former has a couple of hours work on it and the Tomcat is ready for painting – hope to have one or two of the above ready for the next meeting.

JB: *These notes were read as a production line so in the absence of any emotion that’s how I’ll type them!!!* Finished the Heller Chanille D’Accompagnement vehicle which is based upon the AMX13 chassis, a Trumpeter 85-11 AP tank and a Chinese MBT, an AFV SDKfz 251/1 Ausf D which has been adapted to tow a 75mm Pak.. And finally, an old Tamiya SDKfz 251/9 Ausf C with a 75mm gun from a Dragon 3-in-1 kit. The 251/9 was developed due to the shortage of Stug IIIs.

AT: I have purchased, built & finished (*almost...NO, finished!!!*) the new Airfix Vampire T11 which I have to say is an excellent kit. If there is one thing I will say it is if you follow the order of the instructions you will come unstuck at one point. Also, gripping here, but I added the centre frame on the canopy which is an absolute must if displaying the canopy open so I scratch built the part. The HP 88 and the Hurricane are both nearing completion.

DW: I'm currently working on two kits, a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> William Bros. Curtis Commando which is being converted from the military version and will carry Alaska Airlines markings and a Magna Models conversion of the Airfix Liberator to a Hellenic airliner.

SH: The F-16 is nearly finished and I hand painted all the ordnance with a myriad of transfers to put on. I've been having problems with the airbrush, brought tonight for advice, and this has prevented further progress.

### **AOB**

The Darlington Show, Sword & Lance, is (was) on 13<sup>th</sup> April; at the time of this (April) meeting the club has approximately 3 or 4 members attending and showing kits at the table space we have reserved. I'm sure we'll have an update at the May meeting.

All: after a somewhat brief but concise discussion, the club has decided, almost unanimously, not to put on a display commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the I. P. M. S. (UK). This is not out of disrespect but practicality – the diversity of interests within the club meant very little common ground on a theme.

MJ: has anyone yet discovered the date of the South Shields show? – *JL will investigate.*

CN: The Elvington event (Battle Group North) is the weekend after our next meeting and I will be sorting the passes in time for those who want to go – update at the 9<sup>th</sup> May meeting.